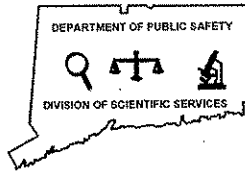




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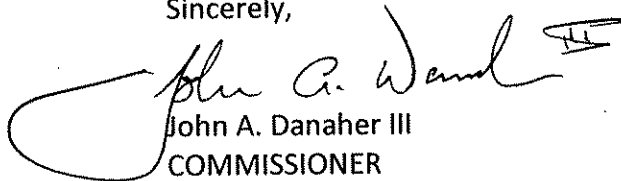
### HB 6326 AN ACT DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER AS PUBLIC SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

*The Department of Public Safety supports this bill.*

This bill would amend section 10-29a of the general statutes to designate the month of September each year as Public Safety Awareness Month. It is surprising in ways that Connecticut has not already set aside a time to focus on the crucial issues of public safety awareness. In an increasingly complex world, it would be advantageous to make a concerted effort to focus on and communicate about the ways that we can work together to make Connecticut a safer place to live in, work in and to visit. A designated Public Safety Awareness month would provide an opportunity for residents, police, firefighters, emergency workers, code enforcement officials and community groups to work together to create safe, vibrant neighborhoods by providing violence prevention education, public safety information and community organizing services. As the lead agency for the State of Connecticut on public safety matters, we recognize that effective communication with Connecticut's citizens is critical to accomplishing our mission. Providing a designated time to promote awareness of how we can work together for common public safety goals is a good idea.

Designating the month of September for this effort is particularly appropriate as all of us have only to remember the events of Sept. 11, 2001 to realize that we should never take for granted the public safety needs that are the foundation of our daily lives.

Sincerely,

  
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